

### REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5, 8-13, 16-20, 25-27, and 29-32 remain in this application. Claim 27 is amended without raising any new issues. Claims 21-24 have been cancelled without prejudice.

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**Claims 27, 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Birleson (U.S. Patent No. 5,847,612)**

10 Claim 27 is amended to incorporate all of the limitations of the objected subject matter claim 28, and thereby in condition of allowance. As claims 29-32 are dependent upon claim 27, if claim 27 is found to be allowable, so too should the dependent claims.

15 Since the aforementioned amendments and reasons have put all of the claims into the state of allowance, reconsideration of the current application by the examiner is hereby respectfully requested.

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